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GENTLEMEN,

THO' with good Reason you conceal your Names, and being not able to stand to what you falsly vent against me; yet this one time more I will prove you in the Wrong, of almost every thing that you urge, to invalidate my Testimony, with relation to that Impostor the Pretended Prince of

Wales: And whereas in the very Beginning of your Letter to me, you say the Gentleman who chastised me lately, had foil'd me; I do frankly leave that to the Judgment of all impartial Persons, who have read his Book, and my Letter to the late Lord Mayor, which neither he nor you cou'd possibly answer upon fair Terms: But having the Bookseller, Printer and Publisher, Zealots for your Cause, you'll say something, tho' to very little Purpose: And, in truth, I scorn such a Parcel of Rascals as you are, and are known to be to the Government; witness the several times your Cudgeller of Authors, Mr. *A. Roper*, and his Footman News-writer, the famous Jacobite *Thomas*, with honest Mr. *Beardwell*, that they have

have been in Custody of the Messengers, summon'd before the Privy-Council, and the like, for printing Seditious News and Pamphlets against the Government: Therefore, I say, not to give you further occasion of coming into Custody again, but to deal plainly and truly with all True *English* Men, (whom you term Ignorant) because they cannot believe the Legitimacy of your Darling Sham-Prince, I send this small Paper, which contains such a real Truth, that I am content for ever to be silent, if any Persons on Earth can prove the least Untruth contain'd in it. I shall not trouble my self with your Observations on my going to my Lord Mayor, only say, I was more than once with him, and used Civilly, and

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with Reſpect: And as for the Selling of my Books, I can honeſtly affirm, that in my whole Life, I never clear'd 12 l. by all I have wrote; nor was my Deſign tending to my own Intereſt, but the Good of my Country, which is a Cauſe I am very proud to eſpouſe, ſince I can honeſtly do it; and am not a whit diſcourag'd by your Inſolence, in ſaying, (His Majeſty and his Subjects cou'd have ſpar'd me the Tender of it) but I know better Things; and you'll ſoon, perhaps, to the Purpoſe, find my Writings will be valued, when you nor yours dare not appear for Fear or Shame (if your Party have any of the latter) and the Gentleman I mention'd, and ſeveral other Witneſſes for me, are arriv'd

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from *Holland*, and other Parts, ready when the Parliament meets, to prove you Rogues and Lyars. And as for what I averr'd concerning Mr. *Settel*'s asking my Pardon, I can prove it, and both he and you ſhall find I will; and that the Book you vindicate, intituled, *My Life*, is a Bundle of Untruths, as I prov'd it long ſince in my Second Book, publiſh'd by Mr. *Baldwin*; and by reaſon you affirm'd, that Mr. *Settel* wou'd give me a meeting, I call'd at Mr. *Roper*'s Shop on *Saturday* Night, and left Word where he might ſend to me, and that I deſired a meeting ſpeedily; But Mr. *Settel* is a Man very well known, and will ſay or unſay any thing for Half a Crown, or a luſty Dinner. But I can alſo prove againſt him, that he not only

ly confess'd that Book to be Lyes of his and *Roper*'s Invention, but he added, that *Roper* had many Presents given him by the most considerable *Jacobites*, for his Zeal in abusing me as he did by that Book; and *Settel* own'd, that he came in for a Share of the Presents also: Nor can there be any Reason to doubt, but the same Party is as kind now as ever, which makes my Antagonist so warm in the Matter.

But I purpose not to dispute, but to come to the Matter, and tell you (which is one of your Enquiries) How His present Majesty came to know the Management of this Supposititious Birth of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, before I had, as you term it, hammer'd out the Story of Mrs. *Mary*

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Grey, viz. It was discover'd to the King, when Prince of *Orange*, by several Persons of Quality in *England* and *Ireland*, who had been strict Observers of Mrs. *Grey*'s being brought over big with Child, and the Method which was taken of disposing of her at St. *James*'s, and her being carry'd to *France*; which was not so secretly manag'd, but that several of His Majesty's Friends had the Opportunity to pry into the Matter, as sufficiently appears by their Depositions and Informations, which were given, and are now in the Custody of the present King and His Ministers of State, which is by them apparently own'd; and these said Informations were a plain Proof of that Imposture, in many of the most particular Cir-

cumstances of that Management: So that His Majesty, who bears the greatest Abhorrence to any thing that is false, was graciously pleas'd to express himself mildly in the Matter, when he terms his Knowledge of that false Birth, to be grounded on great and violent Presumptions: But His Majesty's Moderation and Goodness has been continually misconstru'd and abus'd, by such absurd and insolent Fellows as our Authors, and their Companions are, who take upon them by all the basest Means imaginable, even to dare the Justice of the Government, to whom I leave them for their deserv'd Reward. And forasmuch as the Author in the Letter to me has the Assurance to say, that the Number of Witnesses which I of-

fer to produce (to prove what I assert) he durst be sworn, should they be calld for, would be returnd *non sunt inventi*, like Col. *Dalzeil* and Mr. *Hays*; I do aver again, that their Depositions are taken already by the Ministers of State; and because he would insinuate, that the Author of the *Plain Proof* labours under such an Immaturity of Judgment, that K. *James* and his Adherents had so little to fear from him, that they could not but see he would entangle himself, and work his own Ruine, without their being at the Trouble of sending 2 Gentlemen over to draw him into the Noose: To this I shall reply, and be glad of his Answer, That if K. *James*, his Queen, and Adherents had not fear'd my Discoveries, how came

it to pass, that 12 Months after I left their Service, and had reveal'd all I knew of their Intrigues to His present Majesty; that King *James* shou'd send me (unask'd) his Pardon, under his Hand and Seal; which was brought and left at my Lodgings in the *Pall-mall*, with a Letter from the Earl of *Melford*, then Secretary at St. *Germains*, assuring me of all imaginable Favour, and Orders where to receive 500 *l.* immediately, provided I wou'd return to *France*; this Pardon I carry'd with the Letter instantly to His present Majesty, who sent me to the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice *Holt*, for his Lordship's Advice in the Matter several times: And to counterfeit the Hand and Great Seal of the late King, and

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my Lord *Milford*'s Hand, or is a thing impoſſible certainly for any Man to do. And however ſtrange this may ſeem, I do aver, that it is Truth, and the Pardon and Letter is ready to be produced. And yet further, if K. *James*, &c. had no Apprehenſions of my being a material Witneſs in ſome Caſes that nearly concern'd them, how came they to hire Mr. *James White* to poyſon me, by giving him a Reward of 1000 *l.* in Hand, and as much more to be paid as ſoon as I was dead; as the ſaid Mr. *White* not only confeſs'd, but has given on Oath before the Secretary of State; and that I were poyſon'd, is ſufficiently atteſted by ſeveral Doctors, Surgeons, *&c.* and known to many that ſaw me in that miſerable Condition, lying near 12

Weeks without ſpeaking or ſtirring, but as I was moved by others, and for 7 Weeks together my Life was not expected one Hour, and the continual Racks the Poyſon gave me, were ſuch Torments as no Tongue nor Pen can expreſs; nor did their Malice end here, for I can eaſily prove that I have been often laid in wait for, by ſuch of K. *James*'s Friends as have ſworn to have my Life: I have alſo been aſſaſſinated by them, and dangerouſly wounded.

And pray, *Gentlemen*, why all this, if my Teſtimony were not fear'd? Have I not been continually barbarouſly treated, even by my Friends, who by the cunning Devices of my Enemies, have been wrought upon to be my mortal Enemies? Have I not to the uttermoſt

moſt ſhared the common hard Fate which attends everyone that ſerves the Publick honeſtly? Are not all the *Prieſts*, *Jeſuits*, *Jacobites*, and *Devils* incarnate, jointly ſworn my mortal Enemies? And what wonder then if one ſimple Fellow, as I own my ſelf to be, ſhould be overcome by them, my Life they may have, as they ſwear they will, but from the Truth I will never ſwerve, (as in publick Matters I defie all Mankind to prove *I* ever have.) And in my private concerns, all the Crimes they can fairly charge me with, is my being in Debt, which I hope ſuddainly to remove: And *I* may truly ſay, moſt of thoſe Debts were contracted in the Nation's Service, but *I* ſhall forbear to reflect on the unkind Uſage *I* have met with.

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There remains Two Queſtions which this laſt Author of the Letter to me deſires me to anſwer, which *I* readily comply with: The Firſt is, Did not Mr. *John Saliſbury*, Bookſeller, at the *Riſing Sun*, in *Cornhill*, buy the very Letters which are inſerted in the *Plain Proof* of Mr. *William Fuller*, for a Parcel of Guinea's, 3 or 4 Years ſince, and after Enquiry at *Court* about the Truth of them, rather choſe to ſit down with the Loſs of his Copy-money, than print ſuch horrid Falſhoods?

To this *I* anſwer, That about 4 Years ſince, Mr. *Salisbury* did agree with me for the Copy of a Book, which was begun by me, and had 13 Letters in it, to prove that the late King *James* and his Miniſters had from time to time

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been privy to all the Conſpiracies in *England* ſince the Revolution, and that it had been by K. *James*'s immediate Order, that Perſons had ſeveral times form'd Deſigns of aſſaſſinating his preſent Majeſty: And all the Letters Mr. *Salisbury* had were only relating to that Matter, and not to the Birth of the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, as our Author would make the World believe, which may be ſeen by the ſaid Copies, in the Hands, I preſume, of Mr. *Salisbury*'s Executors, *&c.* For they are writ by my own Hand, as I took them from the Originals, now in the Hands of the Miniſters of State; and as for Mr *Salisbury*'s Enquiry after the Truth of them, it is notoriouſly falſe, that any thing was ſaid of their being not

true; and the Reaſon they were not printed, was occaſion'd by a Diſpute betwixt *Salisbury* and Mr. *Baldwin*, concerning ſome Right the latter claim'd in the Printing of them; ſo I did not finiſh the ſaid Book, being deſirous firſt to adjuſt the Matter betwixt them, and offer'd *Salisbury* to return him his 3 Guinea's, he had paid in Earneſt for them, provided he would have return'd the Letters to me, and afterwards have come in equal Sharer with Mr. *Baldwin* and Partners: But *Salisbury* wou'd not comply on any Terms; ſo that I going preſently after into the Country, the ſaid Letters were not publiſh'd, and before my return *Salisbury* was dead: But I have obtain'd leave to take theſe Copies again from

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the Originals, which, with near 200 more goes this Week to the Preſs; which will demonſtrate, that I have honeſtly anſwer'd this Enquiry.

And as for the next: Has not *William Fuller*, Gent. been down at his Country Seat in *Southampton* Goal this Summer, inſtead of venturing beyond the Seas, and holding Diſputes with Prieſts at *Leige* and *Antwerp*?

To theſe I anſwer, That I was in Priſon there for Debts I contracted, in endeavouring to ſerve the Government, by detecting two Perſons that are Out-law'd for High-Treaſon, and came over into *England*, and were returning from *France* by Veſſels that go to *Jerſey*; but I being known to ſome notorious *Jacobites* in that Place,

they presently gave the Alarm, and by a cunning Stratagem, too tedious here to relate, they got me Arrested for Debt, and then maliciously aspers'd me at their Pleasure; but I came out of that Prison in *May*, and went to *Holland* when the King went over; and after I had been a Fortnight with His Majesty at the *Hague* and *Loo*, I went for *Antwerp*, and staid there conversing every Day with Father *Hunter*, and all the *English* Priests and Nuns there, who treated me several times (a Practice not very common) nor had I enjoy'd it, if they had known me. I was also there in Company of some *English* Noblemen that reside in that Country; and brought over with me a Copy of the Earl of *A*---*g*'s Renouncia-

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tion of the Proteſtant Religion, which was writ by Father *Hunter*'s own Hand; and ſeveral Preſents *I* had given me, which *I* dare ſay the Prieſts will not deny, tho' our inſolent Author queſtions my being there: From *Antwerp* I went for *Leige*, but ſtaid there with Father *Sabran*, who knew me only 3 Days; and tho' his Reverence thought *I* was return'd to the Church of *Rome* again, I convinc'd him to the contrary, accoring to what *I* told him plainly was 2 hours before *I* left that Place. From whence *I* return'd to *Holland*, and at the latter end of *Auguſt* I came over for *England* in the *Bridgman* Sloop, Capt. *Price* Commander, who was my former Acquaintance, by the ſame Token *I* have not ſeen him ſince to pay him for my Paſ-

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ſage, in Company of Sir *Tho. Smith*, Lieutenant Colonel of one of His Majeſty's Troops of Horſe Guards, the Honourable Col. *Stanly*, one of the Grooms of His Majeſty's Bed-Chamber, and the Gentleman who carried over the ſad News of the Death of his Highneſs the Duke of *Glouceſter*; and in the Veſſel there was ſeveral other Gentlemen that knew me: So I hope this 2d Enquiry is ſufficiently anſwer'd; and *I* ſhall ſhortly publiſh the Hiſtory of my Voyage into *Holland* and *Flanders*. And this may ſerve for the preſent.

Leaving our late Author, *I* beg leave to inform the Reader, that whereas it is by many confidently affirm'd and believed, that *I* was concern'd with one *Ro. Young* and *Blackhead*, in a moſt wicked Deſign

ſign againſt the Lives and Honours of the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, and other Perſons of Quality, *I* do here affirm, that *I* never ſaw the ſaid *Young* to my knowledge, until after he was committed to the *King's-Bench*, for that horrid Crime; nor did *I* ever to my knowledge ſee *Blackhead* his Companion: And foraſmuch as this Report has been very prejudicial to me, and is groundleſs and falſe, *I* do humbly appeal to the Lord Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, who *I* am ſure is ſo juſt, as to clear me from that Aſperſion. And further *I* offer, that if his Lordſhip does accuſe me of being directly or indirectly concern'd with the ſaid *Young* and *Blackhead* in their abominable Practices againſt his Lordſhip, *I* will then be content never

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to ſpeak, or write more in my own Defence.

To conclude all, *I* am very ready to anſwer any Objection againſt me that is reaſonable; but *I* hope it will not diminiſh the Validity of what *I* have publiſh'd, if *I* for the future ſtick cloſe to the Matter, and endeavour to bring it to a fair Deciſion in Parliament, inſtead of regarding the Falſhood and Nonſenſe of a Parcel of Head-ſtrong *Jacobites*, uſher'd abroad by Mr. *Roper*, to whom as the Law affords, I ſhall prove a very humble Servant,

W. Fuller.

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